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1. A 4 p.m. on 12 November 1948 a peculiarly designed truck, driven by a Communist soldier, was observed in the streets of Mukden. (Communist soldiers are easily distinguishable by the strange type of light tan-colored caps worn.)
2. The front of the truck was unfamiliar. Its dominant characteristics were the shortness of the hood over the engine, the sharp angle of decline from the windshield to the radiator, and the sharp angle of the hood on the sides, from the front of the cap to the radiator. The angles so formed were sharp and definite in contrast to Japanese and American trucks.
3. The truck had six wheels and the sideboards of the body were wooden. The capacity seemed to be between 2 and 2½ tons. There were two lines of Russian lettering on the left side of the hood; the fact that the lettering was in relief from the side of the hood and was not welded to the metal indicates that it was made when the hood was constructed.

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